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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 3 and 11 as follows:

A1 3. (Amended) The multi-component, longitudinally continuous extrusion of Claim 1, wherein the foamed thermoplastic component of the second member has a cellulosic fiber content.

11. (Amended) A multi-component, longitudinally continuous extrusion suitable for use in the fenestration, decking and remodeling industries, comprising:

A2 a first, high density composite member consisting of a thermoplastic component and a cellulosic fiber component extruded from a primary extruder into an extrusion die, wherein the first member has inner and outer sidewalls defining a high density, thin wall extrusion having at least one enclosed, hollow interior compartment;

a second, low density foamed member consisting of a foamed thermoplastic polymer, coextruded with the first member in a molten state from a secondary extruder into the extrusion die so as to be laterally coextensive with and molecularly bonded to one of the sidewalls of the first member; and,

a third member consisting of a thermoplastic cap laterally adjacent to and coextensive with a laterally outermost one of the first and second members of the multi-component extrusion, wherein,

the thermoplastic cap is coextruded for a tertiary extruder into the extrusion die substantially simultaneously with the first and second members so as to be molecularly bonded with the laterally outermost member; and,

the extrusion defines left hand and right hand sides and wherein the cap has a highly weatherable thermoplastic polymer with polyvinyl chloride as a principle component by weight on the left hand side, and has a highly paintable thermoplastic polymer with acrylic styrene acrylonitrile (ASA) as a principle component by weight on the right side.

A marked up copy of the amended claims is also attached in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii).

REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement dividing pending claims 1 through 19 into three groups: Group I, claims 1 through 11 (directed to a multi-component extrusion); Group II, claims 12 through 14 (directed to a multi-component co-extrusion die); and Group III, claims 15 through 19 (directed to a method of making a multi-component extrusion). The Applicant, through its undersigned representative, provisionally elected claims 1 through 11, Group I, for prosecution and traversed the requirement in a telephone conference on December 28, 2001. The Examiner has rejected